

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to read as follows:

**NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING A SENSOR KINASE, CITA,
FROM CORYNEBACTERIUM GLUTAMICUM**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, below the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

**This application claims priority to German Patent Appl. Nos. 100 42 740.5,
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